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Status:			
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on	09 January 2006.		
2a) This action is FINAL . 2b)⊠) This action is FINAL . 2b) This action is non-final.		
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is			
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.			
Disposition of Claims		•	
4) ☑ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6 and 11-14 is/a 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☑ Claim(s) 1-5,9 and 10 is/are rejected. 7) ☑ Claim(s) 7 and 8 is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction a	re withdrawn from consideratio	n.	
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9) The specification is objected to by the Example 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) Applicant may not request that any objection to Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the control of the oath or declaration is objected to by the	accepted or b) objected to the drawing(s) be held in abeyar orrection is required if the drawing	ce. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). (s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).	
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12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for for a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority docur 2. Certified copies of the priority docur 3. Copies of the certified copies of the application from the International But * See the attached detailed Office action for a	nents have been received. nents have been received in A priority documents have been ureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	pplication No received in this National Stage	
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Claims 11-14 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on January 9, 2006.

Claim 6 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on January 9, 2006.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.
- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 4, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Broussalian (U.S. Patent No. 3,980,765).

Broussalian discloses the claimed protein and a photoactive group, such as halogen, bound thereto (column 2, lines 61-68 and column 3, lines 1-65).

Claims 1-4, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamaguchi et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,293,972).

Yamaguchi et al disclose the claimed cellulose modified by a halogen atom (column 16, lines 1-16).

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Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Yui et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,673,919).

Yui et al disclose the claimed hyaluronic acid modified by a ketone group (column 2, lines 5-43).

Claims 7-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elli Peselev whose telephone number is (571) 272-0659. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00-4.30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shaojia Jiang can be reached on (571) 272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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